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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

DETERMINATION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE WAGE RATES FOR PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE PRODUCTION, CULTIVATION OR HARVESTING OF THE 1938 CROP OF SUGAR BEETS

APRIL 4, 1938.

Whereas, Section 301 (b) of the Sugar Act of 1937 provides, as one of the conditions for payment to producers of sugar beets and sugarcane, as follows:

(b) That all persons employed on the farm in the production, cultivation, or harvesting of sugar beets or sugarcane with respect to which an application for payment is made shall have been paid in full for all such work, and shall have been paid wages therefor at rates not less than those that may be determined by the Secretary to be fair and reasonable after investigation and due notice and opportunity for public hearing; and in making such determinations the Secretary shall take into consideration the standards therefor formerly established by him under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, and the differences in conditions among various producing areas: *Provided, however,* That a payment which would be payable except for the foregoing provisions of this subsection may be made, as the Secretary may determine, in such manner that the laborer will receive an amount, insofar as such payment will suffice, equal to the amount of the accrued unpaid wages for such work, and that the producer will receive the remainder, if any, of such payment.

and

Whereas, the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to a notice of hearing, dated January 14, 1938,¹ held public hearings for the purpose of receiving evidence likely to be of assistance to him in determining fair and reasonable wage rates for persons employed in the production, cultivation or harvesting of the 1938 crop of sugar beets.

Now, therefore, I, H. A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, after investigation and due consideration of the evidence obtained at the aforesaid hearings and all other information before me, do hereby determine fair and reasonable wage rates for persons employed in the production, cultivation, or harvesting of the 1938 crop of sugar beets on farms from which such sugar beets were contracted to be delivered to factories located in the districts given below, to be not less than the following:²

District I.—Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin:

Blocking, thinning and hoeing, \$11.00 per acre. Pulling and topping, \$7.00 for 7 tons or less per acre plus \$1.00 for each ton per acre in excess of 7 tons per acre.

District II.—Minnesota and Iowa:

Blocking, thinning, and hoeing:

"Old method" or "hill drop" fields, \$12.50 per acre.

"Blocked" fields, \$10.50 per acre.

Cross cultivated fields, \$9.50 per acre.
Pulling and topping, \$6.30 for 7 tons or less per acre, and 90 cents for each ton per acre in excess of 7 tons per acre.

District III.—Kansas:

Blocking and thinning, \$7.50 per acre.

1st hoeing, \$2.00 per acre.

2nd hoeing or weeding, \$1.00 per acre.

Pulling and topping, 90 cents per ton up to and including yields of 12 tons per acre; for yields in excess of 12 tons, 80 cents per ton.

District IV.—Nebraska, Colorado, Southern Wyoming, South Dakota, Utah, Idaho, Oregon:

Blocking and thinning, \$8.00 per acre.

1st hoeing, \$2.50 per acre.

2nd hoeing or weeding, \$1.50 per acre.

Pulling and topping, 90 cents per ton up to and including yields of 12 tons per acre; for yields in excess of 12 tons, 80 cents per ton. Where loading is performed by the same laborers doing the topping, 10 cents per ton shall be added to the topping rates.

District V.—Montana Northern Wyoming:

Blocking and thinning, \$9.50 per acre.

1st hoeing, \$2.50 per acre.

2nd hoeing or weeding, \$1.50 per acre.

Pulling and topping, 90 cents per ton up to and including yields of 12 tons per acre; for yields in excess of 12 tons, 80 cents per ton. Where loading is performed by the same laborers doing the topping, 10 cents per ton shall be added to the topping rate.

District VI.—Northern California and Washington:

Blocking and thinning, \$7.50 per acre or 40 cents per hour.

1st hoeing, \$2.00 per acre or 35 cents per hour.

2nd hoeing or weeding, \$1.50 per acre or 35 cents per hour.

Pulling, topping and loading

Net tons per acre:	Rate per ton
Up to 4.....	\$2.23
4 to 5.....	1.98
5 to 6.....	1.73
6 to 7.....	1.48
7 to 8.....	1.33
8 to 9.....	1.23
9 to 10.....	1.18
10 to 11.....	1.13
11 to 12.....	1.08
12 to 13.....	1.04
13 to 14.....	1.00
14 to 15.....	.97
15 to 16.....	.94
16 to 17.....	.91
17 to 18.....	.89
18 to 19.....	.87
19 to 20.....	.85
20 or more.....	.83

Topping, 50 cents per hour.
Loading, 45 cents per hour.

¹ 3. F. R. 108 (DI).

² Tonnage figures represent net short tons per acre.



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District VII.—Southern California:

Blocking and thinning, \$6.00 per acre or 35 cents per hour.

1st hoeing, \$1.75 per acre or 30 cents per hour.

2nd hoeing or weeding, \$1.25 per acre or 30 cents per hour.

Pulling, topping and loading

Net tons per acre:	Rate per ton
Up to 6.....	\$1.50
6 to 7.....	1.35
7 to 8.....	1.24
8 to 9.....	1.16
9 to 10.....	1.09
10 to 11.....	1.01
11 to 12.....	.95
12 to 13.....	.90
13 to 14.....	.85
14 to 15.....	.81
15 to 16.....	.77
16 to 17.....	.74
17 or more.....	.69

Topping, 45 cents per hour.

Loading, 40 cents per hour.

Provided, however, That in addition to the foregoing, the producer shall furnish to the laborer, without charge, the

perquisites customarily furnished by him, such as, a house, garden plot, and similar incidentals; and *Provided further*, That the foregoing shall not be construed to mean that a producer may qualify for payment who has not paid in full the amount agreed upon between the producer and the laborer.

Done at Washington, D. C., this 4th day of April, 1938. Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of Agriculture.

[SEAL]

H. A. WALLACE,
Secretary of Agriculture.

[F. R. Doc. 38-979; Filed, April 5, 1938; 11:20 a. m.]

Farm Security Administration.

[Administration Order 230 (Supplement 1)]

APRIL 4, 1938.

DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY WITH REFERENCE TO THE TENANT PURCHASE PROGRAM

I. *Authorizations to regional directors.*—In carrying out the provisions of Title I and the related provisions of Title IV of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, the authorities listed in this Supplement are hereby delegated to regional directors, and other regional personnel as specified, to be exercised in accordance with the terms given herein. All such redelegations of authority, as are authorized herein, must be in writing designating by name, title, and address the delegates and specifying the authority delegated. A copy of the delegation of authority shall be made available to the regional FC manager.

A. The following authority may not be redelegated by the regional directors:

1. *Wage rates.*—To prescribe wage rates to be paid for construction work by contract carried on with tenant purchase loan funds.

B. The following authority may be redelegated by the regional directors to state RR directors:

1. *State committee meetings.*—To call meetings of state Farm Security Advisory committees within their regions.

C. The following authorities may be redelegated by the regional directors to assistant regional directors in charge of RR and chiefs and assistant chiefs of regional Tenant Purchase sections:

1. *Approval of loans.*—To approve tenant purchase loans by executing the necessary documents and by approving the vouchers.

2. *Approval of titles.*—To determine whether or not easements, leases, and other outstanding reservations and exceptions to, and minor defects in, the title to lands to be acquired through tenant purchase loans will interfere with the purposes for which the land is to be acquired.

3. *Inspection of construction.*—To determine whether or not inspection is necessary and, if so, by whom it shall be done where construction or repair work is to be performed with tenant purchase loan funds.

4. *Variable payments.*—To sign agreements with the borrowers concerning the method of making variable payments on their loans, and determining annually, thereafter, the amount of payment each borrower is to make.

D. The following authorities may be redelegated by the regional directors to assistant regional directors in charge of RR, chiefs and assistant chiefs of regional Tenant Purchase sections, and county RR supervisors:

1. *Physical examination.*—To make all necessary arrangements with physicians to give health examinations to approved tenant purchase applicants.

2. Construction performed with tenant purchase loan funds.—

a. To specify the methods by which the work is to be done where minor repair or construction work involving less than five hundred dollars (\$500) is necessary.

b. To authorize payment when the work is completed on a contract basis.

(1) *Exception.*—This payment must not be made until the final inspection report indicates that the work is satisfactory.

c. To approve plans for major repairs and new construction work and construction contracts where such work is to be performed.

(1) *Exception.*—The approval of plans for major repairs and new construction work may not be re-delegated to county RR supervisors.

E. The following authority may be redelegated by the regional directors to any designees:

1. *Approval of depositories.*—To approve the bank or other depository (which must be insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation) in which the proceeds of tenant purchase loans shall be deposited by the borrower.

F. The following authority shall be delegated to county RR supervisors by the regional directors:

1. *Countersignatures.*—To countersign all withdrawals of tenant purchase loan proceeds from the bank or other depository by the borrower and to perform all of the functions ascribed to countersigning officers.

G. The following authorities cannot be redelegated in connection with the sale of lands which were acquired by the United States for resettlement purposes (except land acquired with state RR corporation funds), but which are suitable for the purposes of Title I of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act:

1. Utilization of resettlement lands.—

a. To execute deeds in the sale of these lands to applicants for tenant purchase loans after these lands have been approved by the Administrator for such sales.

b. To determine the selling price of the lands in accordance with the established standards provided, however, that no land can be so utilized unless the county committee certifies with respect thereto as under regular procedure.

II. Authorization to regional directors, State RR directors, State tenant purchase specialists, and district or county RR supervisors.—

A. *County committee meetings.*—To call meetings of county committees for the purpose of considering applications for tenant purchase loans and performing related work.

III. Authorization to regional directors and regional office managers, the business manager or assistant business manager.—

A. *Letters of authorization.*—To issue a letter of authorization to each county RR supervisor authorizing him to direct travel of county committeemen within and outside of the county for the purpose of attending meetings called by the persons mentioned in paragraph II.

[SEAL] Signed WILL W. ALEXANDER, Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 38-974; Filed, April 4, 1938; 3:23 p. m.]

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

United States of America—Before Federal Trade Commission

At a regular session of the Federal Trade Commission, held at its office in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1938.

Commissioners: Garland S. Ferguson, Jr., Chairman; Charles H. March, Ewin L. Davis, William A. Ayres, Robert E. Freer.

[Docket No. 3298]

IN THE MATTER OF SAKS & COMPANY, A CORPORATION TRADING AND DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE FIRM NAME AND STYLE OF SAKS AT 34TH STREET

ORDER APPOINTING EXAMINER AND FIXING TIME AND PLACE FOR TAKING TESTIMONY

This matter being at issue and ready for the taking of testimony, and pursuant to authority vested in the Federal Trade Commission, under an Act of Congress (38 Stat. 717; 15 U. S. C. A., Section 41),

It is ordered, That William C. Reeves, an examiner of this Commission, be and he hereby is designated and appointed to take testimony and receive evidence in this proceeding and to perform all other duties authorized by law;

It is further ordered, That the taking of testimony in this proceeding begin on Thursday, April 7, 1938, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day (eastern standard time) in Room 500, 45 Broadway, New York, New York.

Upon completion of testimony for the Federal Trade Commission, the examiner is directed to proceed immediately to take testimony and evidence on behalf of the respondent. The examiner will then close the case and make his report.

By the Commission.

[SEAL]

OTIS B. JOHNSON, Secretary.

[F. R. Doc. 38-980; Filed, April 5, 1938; 12:00 m.]

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION.

[Administrative Order No. 233]

AMENDMENT OF ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR LOANS

APRIL 4, 1938.

I hereby amend Administrative Order No. 182¹ by rescinding the \$100,000 allotted to Michigan 8038G Cass.

JOHN M. CARMODY, Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 38-975; Filed, April 5, 1938; 9:38 a. m.]

[Administrative Order No. 234]

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR LOANS

APRIL 4, 1938.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the provisions of Section 4 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, I hereby allocate, from the sums authorized by said Act, funds for loans for the projects and in the amounts as set forth in the following schedule:

Project Designation:	Amount
South Carolina 8013B1 Greenwood	\$15,000

JOHN M. CARMODY, Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 38-976; Filed, April 5, 1938; 9:38 a. m.]

¹ 3 F. R. 233 (DI).

[Administrative Order No. 235]
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR LOANS

APRIL 4, 1938.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the provisions of Section 4 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, I hereby allocate, from the sums authorized by said Act, funds for loans for the projects and in the amounts as set forth in the following schedule:

Project Designation:	Amount
Michigan 8026G1 Ingham.....	\$75,000
Michigan 8038A3 Cass.....	50,000

JOHN M. CARMODY, Administrator.

[F. R. Doc. 38-977; Filed, April 5, 1938; 9:38 a. m.]

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

*United States of America—Before the Securities
and Exchange Commission*

At a regular session of the Securities and Exchange Commission held at its office in the City of Washington, D. C., on the 4th day of April, A. D., 1938.

IN THE MATTER OF AN OFFERING SHEET FILED BY H. B. SEARS, RESPONDENT, ON JANUARY 24, 1938, COVERING PRODUCING LANDOWNERS' ROYALTY INTERESTS IN THE STAHL-DENNIS TRACT

ORDER TERMINATING PROCEEDING AFTER AMENDMENT

The Securities and Exchange Commission, finding that the offering sheet described in the title hereof has been amended to cure the objections specified in the Order for Hearing¹ previously entered in this proceeding;

It is ordered, Pursuant to Rule 354 (c) of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, that the amendment received at the office of the Commission on April 2, 1938, be effective as of April 4, 1938.

It is further ordered, That the Order for Hearing heretofore entered in this proceeding be, and hereby is, revoked and said proceeding is terminated as of the effective date of said amendment.

By the Commission.

[SEAL]

FRANCIS P. BRASSOR, Secretary.

[F. R. Doc. 38-978; Filed, April 5, 1938; 11:19 a. m.]

¹ 3 F. R. 721 (DI).